

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 PORT O 00202 241937Z

62

ACTION COME-00

INFO OCT-01 ARA-16 ISO-00 EB-11 XMB-07 TRSE-00 L-03 FEA-02

INT-08 SS-20 SPC-03 NSC-10 OMB-01 CIAE-00 INR-10

NSAE-00 RSC-01 DRC-01 /094 W
----- 078128

R 241840Z JAN 74

FM AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5987

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE PORT OF SPAIN 202

FOR COMMERCE AND EXIMBANK

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP ETRD TD

SUBJ: EARLY WARNING--GOTT TO CALL FOR BIDS ON A 42" PIPELINE

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. THE GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO (GOTT) HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL SOON CALL FOR BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 40 MILE LONG, 42 INCH DIAMETER NATURAL GAS PIPELINE. THIS PIPELINE WILL CONNECT AMOCO'S SHORE INSTALLATIONS AT GALEOTA POINT (SOUTHEAST TRINIDAD) WITH THE POINT LISAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AREA, ON TRINIDAD'S WEST COAST. THE PIPELINE ROUTE WILL CROSS DIFFICULT TERRAIN, MUCH OF IT RELATIVELY INACCESSIBLE. PLANS FOR THE PIPELINE AND DETAILS FOR THE BID CALL ARE NOW BEING PREPARED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A FRENCH CONSULTING FIRM. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. COMMENT: TECHNOLOGY AND EXPERIENCE SHOULD GIVE U.S. FIRMS AN ADVANTAGE IN BIDDING ON THIS PROJECT BUT THE GOTT WOULD SORELY LIKE TO SEE THE AWARD GO TO ALMOST ANY OTHER COUNTRY, IN ORDER TO REDUCE TRINIDAD'S DEPENDENCE UPON THE U.S. IN PETROLEUM EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT. THUS U.S. FIRMS WILL NEED STRONG SUPPORT FROM COMMERCE AND EXIMBANK TO OVERCOME THIS DISADVANTAGE.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 PORT O 00202 241937Z

MOFFAT

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CONSTRUCTION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, NEOCOLONIALISM, PETROLEUM PIPELINES, PROPOSALS (BID), FOREIGN POLICY POSITION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 24 JAN 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: MorefiRH
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974PORTO00202
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: PORT OF SPAIN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740119/aaaaaqxv.tel
Line Count: 61
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION COME
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: MorefiRH
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 20 SEP 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <20 SEP 2002 by cunninfx>; APPROVED <26-Sep-2002 by MorefiRH>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: EARLY WARNING--GOTT TO CALL FOR BIDS ON A 42" PIPELINE
TAGS: BEXP, ETRD, TD, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005